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REMARKS1. Certain Claims Cancelled

Claims 15, 17 and 18 are cancelled.

Because these dependent claims define the ratio between the amine salts of anthraquinone dye and the monoazo metal complex dye, which is to be added in a precedent independent claim by this amendment, the claims are cancelled.

2. Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Modifications to claims 1 and 9 are respectfully presented for consideration. In accordance to the Examiner's suggestion, ratio of the amine salts of anthraquinone dye to the monoazo metal complex dye are defined in independent claim2. Applicant believes the rejection under section 112 should be withdrawn.

3-5 Allowable Subject Matter

As the Examiner pointed out, claim 2 and claim 12 should be granted a patent as is. Applicants respectfully submit that the case as a whole is now suitable for allowance as well.

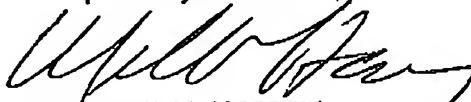
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In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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